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SUBJ: PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS FY 74

REF: PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1974

1. USEF HAS RUPEE COMPONENT OF \$12,756 FOR REPROGRAMMING DUE TO FOURTH LECTURER IRWIN SLESNICK'S RECENT DECLINATION OF 1974/75 GRANT.

2. FOUNDATION PROPOSES USING THESE FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

A) \$2,400 FOR ONE TRAVEL-ONLY GRANT

B) \$3,002 FOR THE INCREASE OF THE BASIC MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE OF THE 1974/75 U.S. LECTURERS AND U.S. STUDENTS BY 10 PERCENT RETROACTIVE FROM THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF GRANT. BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS INCREASE DUE TO 20 PERCENT RISE IN LIVING COSTS. LECTURERS HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD IN THIS REGARD.

C) \$1,365 FOR 1972/73 U.S. STUDENTS ON EXTENSIONS - SPORNY AND CARRITHERS. THE BOARD, AFTER CLOSE SCRUTINY OF PROJECTS AND INTERVIEWS WITH STUDENTS, RECOMMENDED EXTENSIONS UP TO APRIL 1975 SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. BY SHIFTING FUNDS WITHIN THE ALLOCATIONS, PROVISION WAS MADE TO PLACE BOTH STUDENTS ON HALF STIPENDS UP TO THEIR DEPARTURE IN APRIL 1975. AS STUDENTS ARE FACING INNUMERABLE DIFFICULTIES, PARTICULARLY DUE TO LIVING COSTS, THE FOUNDATION NOW PROPOSES TO GRANT THEM FULL STIPENDS FROM FEBRUARY THROUGH APRIL 1975 ONLY.

D) \$4,258 FOR RENEWAL GRANT TO U.S. STUDENT WALCOTT TO  
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ENABLE HIM TO COMPLETE HIS PROJECT ON ETHNOMUSICOLOGY.

BOARD IS IMPRESSED WITH WALCOTT'S PROGRESS WHO PLANS TO SUBMIT HIS DOCTORAL THESIS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA. FOUNDATION PROPOSES A TEN-MONTH EXTENSION BEGINNING MARCH 1975.

E) \$420 FOR THE TWO 1974/75 CEYLONese RESEARCHERS TO MEET THE INCREASED COST OF TRAVEL. (THE NEW UNIT COST IS \$2,550).

F) \$1,075 FOR THE FIVE CEYLONese STUDENTS TO MEET THE INCREASED COSTS OF TRAVEL. (THE NEW UNIT COST IS \$2,400.)

G) \$236 (WHICH CONSTITUTES THE BALANCE) - THE FOUNDATION PROPOSES TO HOLD THIS SUM FOR ANY CONTINGENCIES THAT MAY ARISE TOWARDS THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE SOONEST.  
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